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69/263. Programme budget for the biennium 2014–2015

A

REVISED BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE BIENNIUM 2014–2015

The General Assembly

1. *Resolves* that, for the biennium 2014–2015, the amount of 5,538,551,400 United States dollars appropriated by it in its resolutions 68/248 A of 27 December 2013 and 68/247 B of 9 April 2014, and approved in resolutions 68/268 of 9 April 2014 and 68/279 of 30 June 2014, shall be adjusted by budget appropriations of 115,271,900 dollars, as follows:

Section		*Amount approved in resolutions 68/248 A to C and 68/247 B*[a]	*Increase/ (decrease)*	*Revised appropriation*
		(United States dollars)		
	Part I. *Overall policymaking, direction and coordination*			
1.	Overall policymaking, direction and coordination	117 599 800	1 629 500	119 229 300
2.	General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management	664 211 700	9 298 500	673 510 200
	Subtotal	**781 811 500**	**10 928 000**	**792 739 500**
	Part II. *Political affairs*			
3.	Political affairs	1 197 957 200	34 702 500	1 232 659 700
4.	Disarmament	24 729 600	650 100	25 379 700
5.	Peacekeeping operations	113 454 400	(498 200)	112 956 200
6.	Peaceful uses of outer space	8 160 600	(1 000)	8 159 600
	Subtotal	**1 344 301 800**	**34 853 400**	**1 379 155 200**

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Section		*Amount approved in resolutions 68/248 A to C and 68/247 B*[a]	*Increase/ (decrease)*	*Revised appropriation*
		(United States dollars)		
	Part III. *International justice and law*			
7.	International Court of Justice	52 344 800	(941 700)	51 403 100
8.	Legal affairs	47 809 200	177 700	47 986 900
	Subtotal	**100 154 000**	**(764 000)**	**99 390 000**
	Part IV. *International cooperation for development*			
9.	Economic and social affairs	163 049 600	739 400	163 789 000
10.	Least developed countries, landlocked developing countries and small island developing States	11 579 100	–	11 579 100
11.	United Nations support for the New Partnership for Africa's Development	17 000 300	10 100	17 010 400
12.	Trade and development	147 132 500	782 800	147 915 300
13.	International Trade Centre	39 913 900	(459 000)	39 454 900
14.	Environment	34 963 500	(452 800)	34 510 700
15.	Human settlements	23 260 700	(130 400)	23 130 300
16.	International drug control, crime and terrorism prevention and criminal justice	43 883 000	55 300	43 938 300
17.	UN-Women	15 328 500	28 000	15 356 500
	Subtotal	**496 111 100**	**573 400**	**496 684 500**
	Part V. *Regional cooperation for development*			
18.	Economic and social development in Africa	151 633 600	(681 700)	150 951 900
19.	Economic and social development in Asia and the Pacific	103 764 400	(1 248 700)	102 515 700
20.	Economic development in Europe	71 706 300	826 300	72 532 600
21.	Economic and social development in Latin America and the Caribbean	116 669 900	(2 619 900)	114 050 000
22.	Economic and social development in Western Asia	70 471 300	1 602 500	72 073 800
23.	Regular programme of technical cooperation	58 449 700	(657 500)	57 792 200
	Subtotal	**572 695 200**	**(2 779 000)**	**569 916 200**
	Part VI. *Human rights and humanitarian affairs*			
24.	Human rights	184 640 800	23 740 900	208 381 700
25.	International protection, durable solutions and assistance to refugees	91 496 800	(627 900)	90 868 900
26.	Palestine refugees	55 227 500	74 900	55 302 400
27.	Humanitarian assistance	31 581 400	3 656 800	35 238 200
	Subtotal	**362 946 500**	**26 844 700**	**389 791 200**

Section		*Amount approved in resolutions 68/248 A to C and 68/247 B*[a]	*Increase/ (decrease)*	*Revised appropriation*
		(United States dollars)		
	Part VII. *Public information*			
28.	Public information	188 771 300	1 308 600	190 079 900
	Subtotal	**188 771 300**	**1 308 600**	**190 079 900**
	Part VIII. *Common support services*			
29A.	Office of the Under-Secretary-General for Management	51 138 200	59 800	51 198 000
29B.	Office of Programme Planning, Budget and Accounts	36 762 900	266 400	37 029 300
29C.	Office of Human Resources Management	76 236 000	348 200	76 584 200
29D.	Office of Central Support Services	192 027 000	1 015 800	193 042 800
29E.	Office of Information and Communications Technology	74 255 300	197 800	74 453 100
29F.	Administration, Geneva	154 692 200	1 110 500	155 802 700
29G.	Administration, Vienna	40 974 400	(44 600)	40 929 800
29H.	Administration, Nairobi	32 013 500	(545 600)	31 467 900
	Subtotal	**658 099 500**	**2 408 300**	**660 507 800**
	Part IX. *Internal oversight*			
30.	Internal oversight	40 552 300	79 800	40 632 100
	Subtotal	**40 552 300**	**79 800**	**40 632 100**
	Part X. *Jointly financed administrative activities and special expenses*			
31.	Jointly financed administrative activities	11 357 800	53 600	11 411 400
32.	Special expenses	143 660 200	–	143 660 200
	Subtotal	**155 018 000**	**53 600**	**155 071 600**
	Part XI. *Capital expenditures*			
33.	Construction, alteration, improvement and major maintenance	80 709 300	29 155 200	109 864 500
	Subtotal	**80 709 300**	**29 155 200**	**109 864 500**
	Part XII. *Safety and security*			
34.	Safety and security	241 370 100	2 381 100	243 751 200
	Subtotal	**241 370 100**	**2 381 100**	**243 751 200**
	Part XIII. *Development Account*			
35.	Development Account	28 398 800	–	28 398 800
	Subtotal	**28 398 800**	**–**	**28 398 800**

Section		*Amount approved in resolutions 68/248 A to C and 68/247 B*[a]	*Increase/ (decrease)*	*Revised appropriation*
		(United States dollars)		
	Part XIV. *Staff assessment*			
36.	Staff assessment	487 612 000	10 228 800	497 840 800
	Subtotal	**487 612 000**	**10 228 800**	**497 840 800**
	Total	**5 538 551 400**	**115 271 900**	**5 653 823 300**

[a] Including additional programme budget implications (see reports of the Fifth Committee A/68/820 and A/68/917).

2. *Decides* to authorize, in addition to the appropriations approved under paragraph 1 above, a commitment authority of 104,582,400 dollars for the Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General on Ebola and the United Nations Mission for Ebola Emergency Response to be apportioned among Member States in accordance with the scale of assessment as set out in its resolution 67/238 of 24 December 2012.

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B

Revised income estimates for the biennium 2014–2015

The General Assembly

1. *Resolves* that, for the biennium 2014–2015, the estimates of income of 523,925,200 United States dollars approved by it in its resolutions 68/248 B of 27 December 2013, 68/247 B and 68/268 of 9 April 2014 and 68/279 of 30 June 2014 shall be increased by 11,320,700 dollars, as follows:

Income section	*Amount approved in resolutions 68/248 A to C and 68/247 B*[a]	*Increase/ (decrease)*	*Revised estimates*
	(United States dollars)		
1. Income from staff assessment	491 965 800	10 337 500	502 303 300
Total, income section 1	**491 965 800**	**10 337 500**	**502 303 300**
2. General income	31 228 200	6 668 900	37 897 100
3. Services to the public	731 200	(5 685 700)	(4 954 500)
Total, income sections 2 and 3	**31 959 400**	**983 200**	**32 942 600**
Grand total	**523 925 200**	**11 320 700**	**535 245 900**

[a] Including additional programme budget implications (see reports of the Fifth Committee A/68/820 and A/68/917).

2. *Also resolves* that, for the biennium 2014–2015, the estimates of income for the Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General on Ebola and the United Nations Mission for Ebola Emergency Response in an amount totalling 2,176,000 dollars shall be credited to the Tax Equalization Fund in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955.

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C

Financing of the appropriations and commitment authority for the year 2015

The General Assembly

Resolves that, for the year 2015:

1. Budget appropriations and commitments totalling 2,993,230,800 United States dollars and consisting of 2,765,174,900 dollars, being half of the appropriation initially approved for the biennium 2014–2015 by the General Assembly in its resolution 68/248 A of 27 December 2013, the additional amount of 8,201,600 dollars for the biennium appropriated in its resolution 68/247 B of 9 April 2014 and approved in its resolutions 68/268 of 9 April 2014 and 68/279 of 30 June 2014, 115,271,900 dollars, being the increase approved in paragraph 1 of resolution A above, and the commitment authority of 104,582,400 dollars for the Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General on Ebola and the United Nations Mission for Ebola Emergency Response, shall be financed in accordance with regulations 3.1 and 3.2 of the Financial Regulations and Rules of the United Nations,[1] as follows:

(*a*) 16,962,900 dollars consisting of:

(i) 15,979,700 dollars, being half of the estimated income other than staff assessment income approved for the biennium in its resolutions 68/248 B of 27 December 2013, 68/247 B, 68/268 and 68/279;

(ii) 983,200 dollars, being the increase in income other than staff assessment income approved for the biennium in paragraph 1 of resolution B above;

(*b*) 2,976,267,900 dollars, being the assessment on Member States in accordance with its resolution 67/238 of 24 December 2012;

2. There shall be set off against the assessment on Member States, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund in the total amount of 262,703,300 dollars, consisting of:

(*a*) 245,592,800 dollars, being half of the estimated staff assessment income approved by the Assembly in its resolution 68/248 B;

(*b*) 780,200 dollars, being the estimated increase in income for staff assessment approved by the Assembly in its resolutions 68/247 B, 68/268 and 68/279;

[1] ST/SGB/2013/4.

(*c*) 12,513,500 dollars, being the estimated increase in income from staff assessment approved by the Assembly in paragraph 1 of resolution B above, inclusive of the income estimates for the Office of the Special Envoy on Ebola and the United Nations Mission for Ebola Emergency Response;

(*d*) 3,816,800 dollars, being the increase in income from staff assessment for the biennium 2012–2013, compared with the revised estimates approved by the Assembly in its resolution 68/245 B of 27 December 2013.

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69/264. Proposed programme budget outline for the biennium 2016–2017

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming its resolution 41/213 of 19 December 1986, in which it requested the Secretary-General to submit, in off-budget years, an outline of the proposed programme budget for the following biennium,

Reaffirming also section VI of its resolution 45/248 B of 21 December 1990,

Reaffirming further rule 153 of its rules of procedure,

Recalling its resolution 58/269 of 23 December 2003,

Recalling also section XII of its resolution 69/262 of 29 December 2014,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the proposed programme budget outline for the biennium 2016–2017[1] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions[2] and the recommendations contained therein,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;[1]

2. *Endorses* the observations and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[2]

3. *Reaffirms* that the budget outline should provide a greater level of predictability of resources required for the following biennium and promote greater involvement of Member States in the budgetary process, thereby facilitating the broadest possible agreement on the programme budget;

4. *Also reaffirms* that the proposed programme budget outline shall contain an indication of the following:

(*a*) A preliminary estimate of resources needed to accommodate the proposed programme of activities during the biennium;

[1] A/69/416.
[2] A/69/556.

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(*b*) Priorities, reflecting general trends of a broad sectoral nature;

(*c*) Real growth, positive or negative, compared with the previous budget;

(*d*) Size of the contingency fund expressed as a percentage of the overall level of resources;

5. *Stresses* that the budget outline is a preliminary estimate of resources;

6. *Decides* that the preliminary estimate of resources for the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2016–2017 should therefore include a provision for special political missions, in the amount of 1,130,400,000 United States dollars, which should be reflected in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2016–2017, and that additional requirements shall continue to be treated in accordance with the provisions of General Assembly resolution 41/213;

7. *Invites* the Secretary-General to prepare his proposed programme budget for the biennium 2016–2017 on the basis of a preliminary estimate of 5,558,395,600 dollars at revised 2014–2015 rates;

8. *Decides* that the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2016–2017 shall contain provisions for recosting on the basis of the existing methodology;

9. *Also decides* that the priorities for the biennium 2016–2017 shall be the following:

(*a*) Promotion of sustained economic growth and sustainable development in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and recent United Nations conferences;

(*b*) Maintenance of international peace and security;

(*c*) Development of Africa;

(*d*) Promotion of human rights;

(*e*) Effective coordination of humanitarian assistance efforts;

(*f*) Promotion of justice and international law;

(*g*) Disarmament;

(*h*) Drug control, crime prevention and combating international terrorism in all its forms and manifestations;

10. *Requests* the Secretary-General to reflect the priorities outlined in paragraph 9 above when presenting the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2016–2017;

11. *Reaffirms* that the budget proposals of the Secretary-General should reflect resource levels commensurate with mandates for their full, efficient and effective implementation;

12. *Reaffirms its request* to the Secretary-General to propose, in future budget submissions, measures to offset budget increases, wherever possible, in particular through more efficient back-office activities, services, functions and structures, without undermining the implementation of mandated programme activities;

13. *Decides* that the contingency fund shall be set at the level of 0.75 per cent of the preliminary estimate, namely, at 41,687,967 dollars, that this amount shall be in addition to the overall level of the preliminary estimate and that it shall be used in accordance with the procedures for the use and operation of the contingency fund.

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69/265. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Caribbean Community

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 46/8 of 16 October 1991 and all its subsequent resolutions on cooperation between the United Nations and the Caribbean Community, including its resolution 67/249 of 22 January 2013,

Bearing in mind the provisions of Chapter VIII of the Charter of the United Nations on the existence of regional arrangements or agencies for dealing with such matters relating to the maintenance of international peace and security as are appropriate for regional action and other activities consistent with the purposes and principles of the United Nations,

Welcoming the continued commitment of the States members of the Caribbean Community to the United Nations as a principal forum for multilateral cooperation,

Recalling the cooperation agreement between the secretariats of the United Nations and the Caribbean Community,[1] and bearing in mind the cooperation activities undertaken pursuant to that agreement,

Emphasizing the continued importance of regular engagements between the two organizations, including contacts between the Secretary-General of the United Nations and Heads of Government of the Caribbean Community, and also between the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Secretary-General of the Caribbean Community, with a view to reinforcing cooperation and collaboration,

Noting in this connection the seventh general meeting between representatives of the Caribbean Community and the United Nations system, held in New York on 22 and 23 July 2013 to review the progress made in implementing the new coordination mechanism led by the United Nations Development Group for Latin America and the Caribbean and to discuss issues identified as priorities by the Caribbean Community secretariat, including climate change, small island developing States, the post-2015 development agenda, citizen security, transnational organized crime and the illegal trade in small arms and light weapons, as well as agricultural development and non-communicable diseases,

[1] United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1978, No. 1197.

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Remaining deeply concerned about the persistent challenges posed by an international environment characterized by, inter alia, the ongoing adverse impacts of the world financial and economic crisis that have been exacerbated by onerous debt, graduation from access to concessionary development funding, the lack of access to energy and sustainable modern energy services, food insecurity, and the adverse effects of climate change, all of which have increased the vulnerabilities and seriously worsened the challenges for the development efforts of the States members of the Caribbean Community,

Noting that the Caribbean Community has prepared a strategic plan for the period 2015–2019 with 11 high-priority areas for focused implementation, which address, inter alia, regional integration, macroeconomic stabilization, building competitiveness for growth and employment generation, human capital development, advancing health and wellness, citizen security and justice, climate adaptation and greenhouse gas mitigation, disaster mitigation and management, information and communications technology, and public education, public information and advocacy,

Recalling the unique and particular vulnerabilities of small island developing States and the global commitment to take urgent and concrete action to address those vulnerabilities, including through the sustained and effective implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States[2] and the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States,[3]

Taking note of the agreed outcome document of the third International Conference on Small Island Developing States, entitled "SIDS Accelerated Modalities of Action (SAMOA) Pathway",[4]

Acknowledging the support that States members of the Caribbean Community have received from the United Nations in their efforts to advance the implementation of the Mauritius Strategy, and further acknowledging the need for continued support in the implementation of the agreed outcomes of the international conferences on small island developing States,

Noting that the Caribbean region is the second most hazard-prone region in the world, with frequent exposure to devastating natural hazards and extreme weather events, as well as slow-onset climate change events, and concerned that their increased frequency, intensity and destructive power continue to pose a challenge to the development of the region,

Recalling the ongoing recovery of Haiti from the devastating earthquake of 12 January 2010 and subsequent tropical storms and hurricanes that have caused significant loss of life and widespread damage, and stressing the urgent need for renewed and sustained attention to the critical situation in Haiti and to fulfil the pledges made to assist Haiti in its long-term recovery and sustainable development initiatives,

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[2] *Report of the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States, Bridgetown, Barbados, 25 April–6 May 1994* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.94.I.18 and corrigenda), chap. I, resolution 1, annex II.

[3] *Report of the International Meeting to Review the Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States, Port Louis, Mauritius, 10–14 January 2005* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.05.II.A.4 and corrigendum), chap. I, resolution 1, annex II.

[4] Resolution 69/15, annex.

Noting with appreciation the recent collaboration, consultations and information exchanges that have taken place among the United Nations, the Caribbean Community and the States members of the Community aimed at strengthening cooperation and regional capacity in a broad range of areas, such as sustainable development, non-communicable diseases, drugs and crime, statistics, free and fair elections, plant and animal health, and food safety, among others,

Affirming the need to further expand and deepen the cooperation that already exists between the Caribbean Community and the United Nations agencies, funds and programmes, including in the areas of governance, information and communications technology for development, public information and institutional reforms, so as to enhance coherence and effectiveness in the partnership among the United Nations, the Caribbean Community and the States members of the Community,

Convinced of the need for the coordinated utilization of available resources to promote the common objectives of the two organizations,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on cooperation between the United Nations and regional and other organizations,[5] in particular paragraphs 44 to 54 on the Caribbean Community, concerning efforts to strengthen and deepen cooperation;

2. *Calls upon* the Secretary-General of the United Nations, in association with the Secretary-General of the Caribbean Community, as well as the relevant regional organizations, to continue to assist in furthering the development and maintenance of peace and security within the Caribbean region;

3. *Notes* the recent engagements between the United Nations and the Caribbean Community;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Secretary-General of the Caribbean Community to continue to promote and expand cooperation within their respective mandates so as to increase the capacity of the two organizations to attain their objectives and to seek answers to global challenges, including climate change, disaster risk reduction, sustainable development challenges, including poverty, inequality and non-communicable diseases, and transnational organized crime;

5. *Calls upon* the United Nations and the specialized agencies, funds and programmes of the United Nations system, bearing in mind the particular vulnerabilities of the States members of the Caribbean Community, to intensify their assistance to those States to enable them to address the diverse challenges that these vulnerabilities pose to achieving sustainable development, including through the sustained and effective implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States,[2] the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States[3] and the SIDS Accelerated Modalities of Action (SAMOA) Pathway,[4] and through the implementation of the strategic objectives of the Community;

6. *Highlights* the support that the United Nations Environment Programme has been extending for the implementation of environmental and sustainable development programmes of the Caribbean Community and for the building of

[5] A/69/228-S/2014/560.

capacity to enable effective regional responses to climate change, and further encourages continued collaboration with the Community as well as related regional and national institutions;

7. *Emphasizes* the active cooperation existing between the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean and the Caribbean Community, particularly in supporting the region's preparation for major conferences, improving the capacity of the Community in gathering and analysing data and in deepening its analysis of the intraregional and external trade of the Community, as well as in elaborating on the concept of vulnerability in the context of the graduation of some of its States members, and further encourages continued cooperation with the Community and its States members;

8. *Recalls and reaffirms* the political declaration of the high-level meeting of the General Assembly on the prevention and control of non-communicable diseases,[6] and welcomes the outcome document of the high-level meeting of the General Assembly on the comprehensive review and assessment of the progress achieved in the prevention and control of non-communicable diseases;[7]

9. *Notes with concern* the acknowledgement in the outcome document that progress has been insufficient and highly uneven in the prevention and control of non-communicable diseases, due in part to the complexity and challenging nature of non-communicable diseases, and further emphasizes that continued and increased efforts are essential for achieving a world free of the avoidable burden of non-communicable diseases, including through the implementation of multisectoral cost-effective, population-wide interventions and the provision of adequate, predictable and sustained resources, through domestic, bilateral and multilateral channels, including traditional and voluntary innovative financing mechanisms;

10. *Affirms* its decision in the outcome document to give due consideration to addressing non-communicable diseases in the elaboration of the post-2015 development agenda, given their serious socioeconomic consequences and determinants and their links to poverty, and in this regard notes the target for 2030 to reduce by one third premature mortality from non-communicable diseases through prevention and treatment, as reflected in the report of the Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals;[8]

11. *Expresses appreciation* for the robust partnership arrangements among the Caribbean Community, the World Health Organization and the Pan American Health Organization in addressing non-communicable diseases, and commends the valuable supportive role being played by the World Health Organization and the Pan American Health Organization through the provision of technical and other resources to the Community in the establishment and operationalization of the Caribbean Public Health Agency as a mechanism for cooperation and coordination across the region on public health policy;

12. *Also expresses appreciation* for the robust support and encouragement that the United Nations continues to give to the Pan-Caribbean Partnership against HIV/AIDS as it continues to perform its role as the regional response mechanism for reducing the spread and impact of HIV and AIDS through a system of universal access to HIV prevention, treatment, care and support;

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[6] Resolution 66/2, annex.

[7] Resolution 68/300.

[8] A/68/970 and Corr.1.

13. *Notes with appreciation* the existing cooperation between the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and the Caribbean Community, and calls for further deepening of that cooperation in such areas as the contribution of information and communications technology to education, the protection of world heritage sites in the Community, the challenge of male academic underachievement and the role of cultural industries in the economies of the States of the region;

14. *Notes with satisfaction* the progress made in the initiative to erect a permanent memorial to the victims of slavery and the transatlantic slave trade, led jointly by States members of the Caribbean Community and the Group of African States at the United Nations, and in this regard expresses sincere gratitude to those Member States, organizations and individuals that have made contributions to the United Nations Trust Fund for Partnerships – Permanent Memorial, and encourages Member States and other interested parties to make further voluntary contributions to the Trust Fund;

15. *Expresses appreciation* for the cooperation received from the Department of Public Information of the Secretariat in the implementation of the annual commemoration of the International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade on 25 March and for its support and cooperation rendered in the preparatory activities for establishing a permanent memorial to the victims of slavery and the transatlantic slave trade, in keeping with the relevant General Assembly resolutions;

16. *Notes with appreciation* the ongoing efforts of the United Nations Regional Centre for Peace, Disarmament and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean in providing technical assistance and capacity-building to States members of the Caribbean Community, including in the management of stockpiles of small arms and light weapons and their ammunition and the destruction of obsolete and seized firearms, ammunition and explosives;

17. *Acknowledges* the launch by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime of a regional programme for the period 2014–2016 in support of the Caribbean Community crime and security strategy, developed by the Community's Implementation Agency for Crime and Security, and the conclusion of a memorandum of understanding between the Office and the Agency to facilitate collaboration between the two entities;

18. *Reiterates* the urgent need for the reopening of the office of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime in the region so as to reinforce the efforts of the States of the region in their struggle against the interrelated scourges of transnational organized crime, drugs, violent crime and the illicit trade in small arms and light weapons;

19. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its seventy-first session a report on the implementation of the present resolution;

20. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its seventy-first session, under the item entitled "Cooperation between the United Nations and regional and other organizations", the sub-item entitled "Cooperation between the United Nations and the Caribbean Community".

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